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allow townsmen—came up to the Assembly to the same effect as the former, and were referred to a Select Committee. At the same time, the former reporter of the Court had been constrained under extraordinary circumstances, since detailed before a Committee of the House, to surrender his office of reporter to the Chief Justice—the offices thus being vested in one individual. The latter, however, was not a member of the Court, and its proceedings found lying on the table a pamphlet signed by Robert H. Ives, containing what purported to be an official report of the case, Ives *et al.* Hazard, as it was to be found in the forthcoming fourth volume of the *Reports*, was not a member of the Court. However, make its appearance just some months afterward. This is the report that Hazard set forth in memorial to the Assembly as being grossly unfair toward him, from which charge the reader might be led to infer from some remarks in THE TRIBUNE, that the report was not the work of the Chief Justice of the House. This is not the fact. It is true that the Joint Committee of both Houses, especially appointed me-

to hear that reporter at his own request, did not report almost immediately after its appointment, and that an attempt was made by the Committee to delay the matter for an instant through the Assembly, and thereby postpone the investigations of the Committee in the House; but the movement failed of success, and the House Committee, so far from clearing the reporter, expressly except in their report against the nature impartiality of the official report. The Hazard case, however, is not the only one of this kind. The acquiescence of the lawyer Chairman only, and not the members of the Committee who could not have been prevailed upon to sign the report in the absence of stronger expressions of censure, and the consent to the report by the majority of the members of the Joint Committee would otherwise have extorted from the reporter the implied threat, that the House and the Joint Committee would otherwise have passed over their heads and the hurry and confusion incident to the last hours of the session.

Nor is this all: A charge had also been preferred against the reporter, of having been the reporter of the

Court as the loser, but against the complainant. On ground alleged by the reporter and his counsel for his omission, was that there was no opinion made out of the case, but merely some loose memoranda left out of the case. The Court, however, was not to be deterred by the error of his predecessor, and which it would be as improper for the Committee to read as if the papers had been surreptitiously taken from his private desk. The majority of the Committee still insisting on the reading of the papers, the clerk of the Court was placed on his feet, and he read the opinion of the Court. It appeared that he had received directions from him, as Chief Justice of the Court, to deliver the papers in question to the former Chief Justice. This would doubtless have quashed the proceedings, were it not that a demand was immediately made on the Court to read the papers, and the Court should have complied with the demand before them. When these appeared they one and a half testified that the alleged loose memoranda was, as was intended to be, a regular opinion of Court in the case of *Irish v. Armstrong*, and it now came out

opinion in the Ives age. Hazard case, that the reporter had taken the liberty, unbeknown to the Court, to make some material alterations in his report of the opinion itself, as it was read, to say nothing of the alleged unfairness of the statements of fact, probably made by the witness, and the Committee at the time they made their report, otherwise it is probable they could have avoided reporting more decidedly that they did, notwithstanding the overwhelming pressure of official, professional, and social influences that were brought to bear upon them. This Ives case has been the case since, and the same kind of its place in the subsequent volume, and those who are curious in the matter might derive instruction, if not profit, from a careful perusal of the two reports, and juxtaposition as they should have been reported. At the session of the Assembly, previous to the publication of this case, the Committee were made to quash the proceedings of the Committee (a majority of whom were anxious to report, but were prevented by their lawyer Chairman), by dismissing the Committee

and all further consideration of the matter, but was recalled to the Senate, where it was read and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. In **THE TRIBUNE** that certain depositions taken shortly after the last Spring election in Rhode Island, as contained in a synopsis in *The Providence Journal*, gave somewhat new aspect to the case of Ives *qst.* Hazard, unfavorable to the latter. This would be true if the synopsis were correct. But it is not. It has been shown during the past summer, beyond a chance of denial, and there now, I presume, no doubt left on the mind of any honest man in Rhode Island, who has read the testimony of the witnesses, that the published synopsis in *The Providence Post* and **THE TRIBUNE**, that the depositions alluded to, when taken as a whole, are decidedly in favor of Hazard, and that the garbled and in many parts positively untruthful articles that appeared almost simultaneously, last Spring, in *The Providence Journal* and other papers, were in reality the work of a paid lawyer, well known in Providence. It has been offered to be proved, if denied, that one of the most atrocious

of these columns.—But which appeared in the editorial columns of the *Register* and which were reprinted in pamphlet form, and circulated in Rhode Island as being the unbiased production of the editor of a periodical, especially meant to come to the real facts connected with important law suits, and the bench and bar throughout the Union—was really established by the *Register* in the case of the *Union* in the *Thayer* and *Hazard* case, and the reporter, and that he had a large fee for concocting the same, and will be readily understood what fearful odds a poor and illiterate man, like *Hazard*, has to contend with while pressing his way through the *Register* and its editorial influences sufficiently potent to control not only such of its own legislators and conductors of the public press as are susceptible of being corrupted, but who are competent to approach and defend the editorial columns of sheets claiming to occupy so high ground as the *Boston Law Reporter*. The editor of the *Register* has been so far from being satisfied that the depositions alleged to be contained in that of a bitter personal enemy of *Hazard* and his family, a

that Hazen admitted to be wholly untrue, and free and confident of being able to satisfy any impartial jury of that fact. This point is thus alluded to in Dr. Taylor's report.

It is now shown that, on his return to New-York, Hazen mentioned to several persons, with evident satisfaction, that he had sold the land for \$15,000, and that some of them called him a fool for having sold a prime tract of land for so small a sum. He was asked a price for which Ives had at the same time authorized him to buy an adjoining tract (the Armstrong lot) evidently tending strongly to the conclusion that the only real ground Hazen had for repudiating his written bargain with Ives was the increase of the land he had sold, for which the bargain was made and the time when it was to be paid.

Now for the facts. Not a single person has been as yet produced who called Hazen a fool. It is in fact by Ives's own brother (the late M. R. Ives) that he is put back as 1851 he (Ives), at the period that he told Hazen that he had sold the land for \$15,000, was only 25 years of age for the Armstrong, &c. The trial

was offered a refused, \$800 per acre being then asked for it. Shortly after, Hazard bought the Peckham farm for \$10,000. It follows, of course, that when the alleged sale of the farm was made, the value of the land was \$10,000. It is also shown that there have been worth from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per acre to keep pace with the other is market value; a proposition that Hazard could not have broken his bargain from the motives assigned. Again, the date of the sale of the farm was the 28th of May, 1892, and the value of the farm, \$10,000, a sum admitted by both sides to be above its market value at the time. Hazard's letter to Ives, notifying him that he could not complete the conditional sale, on account of the fact that the real estate consisted, in fact, of two days after the date of the conditional sale, was the period that Hazard repudiated the bargain. No one asserts that there was any rise in the land until many weeks after this. However, even in Hazard may have induced to break his bargain for such a small sum, as he was given by the Peckham farm. Ives, in his pamphlet, gives as a reason why the Armstrong lot was worth so much more per

men than the Peckham farm. "That it is a beautiful piece of land, all of it available for any purpose of the farmer, and free of all encumbrances," while the Peckham farm was a cumberblock," says the grand juror. "It is now and liable to be flooded," and in the same book, Yves confesses that he was not aware of the rise of land in Newport until about the middle of September. Up to that time it would seem that the grand jury had not been informed of the illegal proceeding against Hazard, but tried at several interviews to get his wife to consent to the sale. On the 21st of September, at a period when the farm was worth in market some threefold the price named in the charge against her, she said, "I will sell my bill, but I do not wish to be informed that the great rise in the land that had recently occurred constituted the real ground of his seeking to enforce the alleged bargain, instead of its constituting the "real ground" for Hazard's repudiating it."

THOMAS R. HAZARD.

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A NEW STRAIN FREEDER.—Mr. Cleva has invented

new apparatus for the production of ice by a continuous circulation of ether—the circulation being produced by pumps worked by steam-power. This apparatus is not new in principle, but M. Calla has introduced so many economies that he gets seventy pounds of ice per hour per horse-power employed—nearly double what has been obtained before.